Amendments to the Claims

1 Claim 1 (currently amended): A computer-implemented method for indicating criteria for

2 organizing electronic objects, comprising steps of:

3   detecting, by a user input monitor, that a user has swiped across an element of a rendered

4 representation of an electronic object;

5   comparing a manner in which the swiping was performed, responsive to the detecting, to

6 previously-defined settings that specify what manner of swiping indicates an identification of

7 dynamically-identified, user-defined organizing criteria; and

8   storing, if the comparing step determines that the manner in which the swiping was

9 performed is consistent with the specified settings, the swiped-across element in a repository of

10 criteria, from which such that the stored element can subsequently be selected for inclusion in a

11 pattern to be matched against electronic objects for programmatically organizing the electronic

12 objects.

1 Claim 2 (previously presented): The method according to Claim 1, further comprising the step

2 of enabling the user to configure the defined settings.

1 Claim 3 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the detected swiping

2 further comprises repeatedly swiping across a word, a phrase, or one or more contiguous

3 characters in the rendered representation, and wherein the storing step stores the swiped-across

4 word, phrase, or one or more contiguous characters as the stored element.

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1   Claim 4 (previously presented): The method according to Claim 3, wherein the word, the phrase,

2   or the characters is/are rendered from a text document.

1   Claim 5 (previously presented): The method according to Claim 3, wherein the word, the phrase,

2   or the characters is/are rendered from an e-mail message.

1   Claim 6 (currently amended): The method according to Claim [[2]] 1, wherein:

2   the detected swiping further comprises swiping across a portion of an image in the

3   rendered representation; and

4   the storing step stores the swiped-across image portion as the element; and further

5   comprising the steps of:

6   including the stored image portion in a particular pattern to be matched against electronic

7   objects; and

8   using the particular pattern for programmatically organizing the electronic objects, further

9   comprising the steps of:

10   evaluating content of each of the electronic objects with respect to the particular

11   pattern; and

12   including each of the compared objects in a category to which the particular

13   pattern corresponds if the evaluating step determines that the content matches the particular

14   pattern, including the image portion included therein.

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1   Claim 7 (currently amended): The method according to Claim [[2]] 1, wherein the detected

2   swiping further comprises swiping across one or more words, phrases, or characters in the

3   rendered representation as the element.

1   Claim 8 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the detected swiping

2   further comprises swiping across a portion of one or more images in the rendered representation

3   as the element.

Claim 9 (canceled)

1   Claim 10 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, further comprising the step of

2   building one or more rules, each rule specifying a pattern that comprises at least one organizing

3   criteria to be matched against electronic objects for programmatically organizing the electronic

4   objects, wherein the stored element is used as one of the organizing criteria in at least one of the

5   rules.

1   Claim 11 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the detecting step

2   further comprises detecting that the user swiped across the element by moving a mouse device

3   across the element at least twice.

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1   Claim 12 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the detecting step

2   further comprises detecting that the user swiped across the element by moving a light pen device

3   across the element at least twice.

1   Claim 13 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the detecting step

2   further comprises detecting that the user swiped across the element by moving his or her finger at

3   least twice across the element, wherein the element is rendered on a plasma panel device.

1   Claim 14 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the detecting step

2   further comprises detecting that the user swiped across the element using an audio mechanism by

3   speaking commands in the manner specified in the previously-defined settings.

1   Claim 15 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the detecting step

2   further comprises detecting that the user swiped across the element using a video mechanism by

3   passing his or her eyes repeatedly over the element.

1   Claim 16 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the settings specify

2   that the element of the rendered representation must be swiped across multiple times to indicate

3   the identification.

1   Claim 17 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the storing step

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2   further comprises adding the swiped-across element to organizing criteria of an index, such that

3   thereby causing the index thereby becomes to become adaptive to the user swipings.

1   Claim 18 (currently amended): A system for indicating criteria for organizing electronic objects,

2   comprising:

3   a processor;

4   means for detecting, by a user input monitor of the processor, that a user has swiped

5   across an element of a rendered representation of an electronic object;

6   means for comparing, by the processor, a manner in which the swiping was performed,

7   responsive to the means for detecting, to previously-defined settings that specify what manner of

8   swiping indicates an identification of dynamically-identified, user-defined organizing criteria;

9   means for storing, if the means for comparing determines that the manner in which the

10   swiping was performed is consistent with the specified settings, the swiped element in a

11   repository of criteria usable by the processor for programmatically organizing electronic objects;

12   and

13   means for enabling [[using]] the stored element to be subsequently selected as an

14   organizing criterion for use in a rule, such that wherein the rule can subsequently be used for

15   programmatically organizing the electronic objects.

1   Claim 19 (currently amended): A computer program product for indicating criteria for

2   organizing electronic objects, the computer program product embodied on one or more

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3   computer-readable media and comprising ~~code that, when executed on a computer, causes the~~

4   ~~computer to~~:

5   ~~computer-readable program code means for detecting~~ detect, by a user input monitor, that

6   a user has swiped across an element of a rendered representation of an electronic object;

7   ~~computer-readable program code means for comparing~~ compare a manner in which the

8   swiping was performed, responsive to the ~~computer-readable program code means for detecting~~

9   detection, to previously-defined settings that specify what manner of swiping indicates an

10   identification of dynamically-identified, user-defined organizing criteria;

11   ~~computer-readable program code means for storing~~ store, if the ~~computer-readable~~

12   ~~program code means for comparing~~ comparison determines that the manner in which the swiping

13   was performed is consistent with the specified settings, the swiped element in a repository of

14   criteria usable for programmatically organizing electronic objects; and

15   ~~computer-readable program code means for using~~ enable the stored element to be used as

16   an organizing criterion in a rule, ~~such that~~ wherein the rule can subsequently be used for

17   programmatically organizing the electronic objects.

Claim 20 (canceled)

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